

December 7, 2006

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren and Williams attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Comm. Epison; Acting Fire Chief Reese; Mike Adkins; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Williams moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated the motion carried.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Williams moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated he would like permission to attend the Annual Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police Mid Winter Conference in Indianapolis February 7 through the 9th. He added the this will also an opportunity to renew his membership, as the cost of the conference is \$230.00.

Board member Askren moved he be given permission to attend, use the city credit and city vehicle. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously. She then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Acting Fire Chief Reese stated the tires on their main engine are getting bad, they actually do not support the weight of that truck. He added the tires on the Chief's truck are street tires and at times cause the truck to hydroplane, they also need to be changed. He continued by stating he has quotes from Ewing Tire and Best One Tire Service, Best One being the cheapest at \$2,400.00 for all 10 tires.

Board member Askren asked if he had this money in his budget ?

Acting Fire Chief Reese replied yes.

Board member Williams moved he be permitted to proceed with the purchase. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Acting Fire Chief then stated he also has some hose quotes. They need a new 5" supply line hose, the one they have is old had leaks in it. He added they also need some new combat hose, this is used for interior fires, etc. He stated former Chief Webber had permission to order the hose, but it never happened. He added that once their old hose has been determined unusable, they usually give it to other departments within the city to use as they see fit. He stated he quotes from M & S and Chief Supply, Chief Supply is cheaper.

Board member Williams asked if he has used Chief Supply before ?

Acting Fire Chief Reese replied yes, many times. He added M & S is higher, but they are located in Evansville, versus Chief Supply located much farther away.

Board member Williams added the shipping may up their cost, though they are lowest now. He then moved AFC Reese be given permission to verify the shipping charges of Chief Supply and then choose the cheapest deal. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Epison stated he is going to permit Sonny Clark to assist the sewer department with some backhoe digs they have coming up.

Mayor Knowles updated the Board by informing them of two main breaks at E & S Housing that are critical and on the city's end. She added these breaks had resulted in overflows as well.

Comm. Epison added Mr. Clark should be available next week. He then stated he would like permission for Roger Bebout to attend the 71st Annual Pest Management Conference in West Lafayette January 8th through 12th. He added the cost for early registration is \$370.00.

Mayor Knowles asked if he will be the only one attending ?

Comm. Epison replied yes.

Mayor Knowles then moved Mr. Bebout be permitted to attend the conference and use the city credit card as well as a city vehicle. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Comm. Epison stated he would like to conclude with a public announcement: the Street Department leaf collections will end on December 29, and as of December 11 they will only be picking leaves up on a call-in basis.

Mayor Knowles stated the department has done an excellent job. She then asked if there were any questions?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated he received a call from Asst. St. Comm. Miller about a leak in front of Mill Creek Lift Station, which at first they thought might be a water department issue, but it isn't. He added there are a couple of force mains that run through that lift station and he believes the Water Street Lift Station is the one that is leaking. He added this needs immediate attention.

Mayor Knowles asked if the sewer department could repair this on their own ?

Supt. Givens replied he feels they will need outside help, though they will look at fixing it on their own first. He added one local firm can be ready to assist them as soon as possible.

Mayor Knowles added they really have no choice, it has to be fixed. She then asked that Supt. Givens keep her informed.

Board member Williams agreed it is an emergency.

Supt. Givens then stated they have changed the oil in the basement raw sewer pumps and in pump one, there was half water and half oil, water is somehow getting into the pump, probably a bad seal. He stated it is missed up and needs to be replaced. He added that Mr. Carrier said hopefully he would be able to fix this by the end of next week, but this is a problem that has gone on for awhile.

Mayor Knowles asked about the concern on pump two ?

Supt. Givens replied pump two kicks out and Mr. Carrier wants to catch it kicking out, but it is hard to do since it doesn't happen all the time. He added the problem could be in the controls but if pump one is down and they have to rely on pump two that could be a problem.

Board member Williams asked that Supt. Givens use his best judgment in taking care of the situation.

Mayor Knowles asked that she also be kept informed. She then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is the Allied Waste (Laubscher Meadows) five year contract renewal. She stated Attorney Funkhouser has looked at the contract and indicated it looked fine. She added there was some language in there that the city did not want, a new fee being assessed, but that has now been removed. She added Attorney Funkhouser had written a formal protest to the fee and it was removed from the contract.

Comm. Epison added 2006 is the end of the prior five year contract, the fee they were wanting to add was a fuel recovery fee.

Board member Williams stated he prefers the set fee, that way the city knows what they are going to be paying.

Comm. Epison added his budget for next year will still be able to handle the costs.

Board member Williams moved the Board accept the new five year contract and allow Mayor Knowles to sign. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item is a request for a sewer tap at 1001 E. 4th Street.

Mr. Mike Adkins approached the podium and stated he owns the coin laundry next to Tequilas, his lease is up and he is now moving. He stated he purchased the old Linen Cupboard property and he needs to tap for another building next door for the coin laundry.

Supt. Givens stated he needs to see the blue prints.

Mr. Adkins stated that is fine, he will get them to him.

Mayor Knowles asked if he has spoken with the Build Commissioner ?

Mr. Adkins replies yes, he had. He added he was approached by Claytons about having a drop off dry cleaning so he will also be doing that out of that building. He stated the laundry will be taken to Evansville for cleaning and then dropped off at his location.

Mayor Knowles asked if Supt. Givens need the usage ?

Supt. Givens replied yes so he can be sure that where they tie him in can handle the capacity.

Mayor Knowles asked if Mr. Adkins knows the flow ?

Mr. Adkins replied not off hand but his water/sewage bill runs between \$800 and \$900 per month.

Supt. Givens replied he would assume it would be the same as at the other store.

Mr. Adkins agreed.

Supt. Givens added the tap fee is assessed based on the square footage of the building.

Mr. Adkins replied is it 2100 square feet.

Mayor Knowles asked that Supt. Givens get with Mr. Adkins and then get with the Board. She then moved they approve the tap, pending paper being acceptable and approval by Supt. Givens. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles stated under Old Business, they still have some interest in the parking meters, but at a lower price. She added they currently have been selling them for \$100 a piece, but she does have knowledge of an individual who is interested in buying all the remaining meters. She added she believes there may be around 85 or so left.

Board member Williams added that those individuals that wanted a specific meter have probably already purchased one.

Mayor Knowles agreed and stated they could the lower the price for awhile and see if they could get rid of any more.

Board member Williams stated he feels they should get with the individual who is interested in all of them and have him make an offer.

Mayor Knowles agreed.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe state she would like permission to issue the hourly sale of vacation checks tomorrow, instead of the last pay of the year, and the pension checks and salary sale of vacation checks on the 15th. She added according to ordinance they will be issued the last check of the year, but they would like to give the employees a little extra cash before Christmas.

Board member Williams replied it is a great idea.

Board consented.

Mayor Knowles stated she would like to request the ally between 2nd and 3rd and Main and College be closed in order to place a dumpster in that location for the demolition of the Straw building. She added the building is to be demolished within 14 days so it shouldn't be closed long.

Comm. Epison stated he agrees it needs to closed for the safety of the D & M Diner patrons.

Mayor Knowles stated they have the responsibility to close streets, alleys, etc when a situation poses danger to a society.

Board member Williams added they should involve the businesses affected in any discussions on the closure. He then moved permission to close the alley be granted. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated Comm. Epison needs permission to turn the utilities on at the bakery building on Water Street that the city recently purchased.

Board member Williams moved permission be given. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated Chief Beloit has given the Board a listing of dilapidated property located upstairs over the police department. She added they have found buyers for some of the property, but it is mostly junk.

Board member Williams moved permission to get rid of the junk, either by selling, or trashing, be given. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Chief Beloit added he also has a fax machine that is not functional.

Mayor Knowles replied she will add that to the list.

Comm. Epison added he has a refrigerator.

Mayor Knowles replied she will add that to the list.

Supt. Givens stated he also has a lot of junk.

Board member Askren asked that he prepare a list and the Board can determine what is junk.

Mayor Knowles agreed and added he should also take pictures and bring those to the Board. She then stated everyone in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she stated the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer